

CARTERET COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

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TO: **Officiants Authorized to Perform Marriages in North Carolina pursuant to NCGS 51-1.** (An ordained minister of any religious denomination, a minister authorized by a church, a magistrate; or in accordance with any mode of solemnization recognized by any religious denomination, or federally or state recognized Indian Nation or Tribe.)

FROM: **Jerry T. Hardesty, Register of Deeds**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE **ENCLOSED MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Due to the importance of this document and your crucial role in this matter, please pay special attention to the proper and **full completion** of the bottom portion of the marriage license **on both copies** of the license. Be sure to reflect:

- The correct date of marriage (month, day, & year);
- The place of marriage (county);
- Your signature and title, and your printed or typed name;
- The signature of 2 witnesses, their addresses, and their printed or typed name. Two witnesses to the marriage ceremony are required by NC law.
- **Please be sure both witnesses sign both copies of the license and indicate their addresses.**

You are hereby authorized, at any time **within 60 days** from the date of issuance of this marriage license, to perform the marriage ceremony within North Carolina and to **return within 10 days, both copies of the properly signed and completed license.** Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$200.00. Please return both copies in the enclosed envelope with proper postage affixed to:

Register of Deeds

302 Courthouse Square

Beaufort, NC 28516

I appreciate your assistance and attention to detail in this important matter.